

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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_____, 2000 read first time and referred to Committee on



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Whereas, F. James "Jim" Biddinger is retiring from the Indiana Gas Association after 16 years of dedicated service as a lobbyist to the Indiana General Assembly;

Whereas, after completing his undergraduate degree at Indiana University, Jim then served his country in the United States Army from 1959 through 1962;

Whereas, following in his father's footsteps, Jim pursued a career in law, receiving his juris doctorate from the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington, Indiana in 1963;

Whereas, Jim began his career of service with the Indiana General Assembly when, in 1966, he was elected to a 4 year term in the Indiana State Senate;

Whereas, in 1984, Jim's career path brought him back to the Indiana General Assembly when he became President of the Indiana Gas Association and began lobbying to both the Indiana State Senate and House of Representatives;



Whereas, Jim continued to lobby on behalf of the Indiana Gas Association until his retirement in November 2000;

Whereas, in addition to the numerous accomplishments achieved during his career, Jim has been active in his community as a member of the masonic lodge;

Whereas, Jim will be remembered by all as an avid and dedicated golfer. In retirement, he is sure to further enhance his game with year round practice and play;

Whereas, Jim has also shown great dedication to his family throughout his lifetime. Jim and his wife, Mary Lou, have always held their family as their highest priority during their 42 years of marriage. They are the proud parents of two children and grandparents of three wonderful grandchildren;

Whereas, F. James Biddinger, having dedicated the last 16 years of his career to lobbying the Indiana General Assembly for the Indiana Gas Association, is regarded with the highest esteem by all members and staff of the General Assembly and will be greatly missed: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana State Senate and House of
2 Representatives hereby congratulate F. James Biddinger on his
3 retirement after 16 years of service on behalf of the Indiana Gas
4 Association.

5 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is directed to transmit a
6 copy of this resolution to F. James Biddinger, his wife, Mary Lou
7 Biddinger and their children.

